GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1257
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RESTRICTION ON STD ISD AND INTERNET SERVICES IN J & K
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to remove restrictions imposed on STD, ISD and Internet services in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for imposing restrictions on above services and also the reasons for removing the same now?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a), (b) & (c): In view of mounting tension along the Indo Pak border after the attack on Parliament in December 2001, and suspected use of these networks by militants for carrying on their violent activities, restrictions were imposed. However, the position was reviewed and it was decided to lift the ban on ISD/STD PCO booths in the State of Jammu & Kashmir.